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——— *Remember* Milo's *end,*
Wedg'd in that timber, which he ſtrove to rend.
E. of Roſcommon's Eſſay.

The following Letter, which contains excellent advice to the Political Writers of our Society, was highly approved, and ordered to be printed without any alterations, as a mark of our eſteem for the Author; to whom we return our hearty thanks.

To the Authors of the GRUB-STREET JOURNAL.

Gentlemen,

THOUGH you profeſs your ſelves Members of *Grub-ſtreet*, and advocates for that ancient Society, I have ſome reaſon to ſuſpect that you are falſe Brethren, and have a wicked deſign of expoſing the Grubean Art to contempt, under a ſpecious pretence of defending it, by the modern Jeſuitical method of ironies and *innuendos*. If this is your deſign, I would adviſe you to take care how you put it in execution: for as mean an opinion as you may entertain of the Profeſſors of this Art, I can aſſure you, that they are at preſent in an high degree of favour, and under the protection of very powerful Patrons. I cannot help thinking, for my part, that the frequent correction of your own Members, the rules you lay down to them, the bounds you preſcribe them, and the endeavours which you have uſed to reſtrain them from all excentrick motions, favour ſtrongly of ſuch a deſign: for the eſſence of Grubiſm, and particularly of the political *Bathos*, conſiſts in dullneſs and Billingſgate. If therefore, the Gentlemen of that Society ſhould obey your precepts, and ſuffer themſelves to be led into the paths which you have mark'd out, by obſerving good manners, language, conſiſtency or argument; they would loſe their diſtinguiſhing characteriſticks, and degenerate into mere Parnaſſian Writers.

Theſe, Gentlemen, are my ſuſpicions at preſent, and they are ſtrengthen'd by the minutes you have given us of your *Pegaſean Club*; which, methinks, breathes an air ſomewhat different from the climate of *Grub ſtreet*. But if I ſhould happen to be miſtaken, as I hope I am, in theſe conjectures, and you are really concern'd in earneſt for the honour and welfare of that Society, which gives a title to your *Paper*; I ſhall be always ready to contribute my poor endeavours towards the ſupport of a Cauſe, in which thouſands of my Countrymen are ſo nearly concern'd.

My deſign, at preſent, is to point out the perfections of your Political Brethren (as you affect to call them) and to give them ſome ſeaſonable hints; upon the obſervation of which, I conceive, the preſent flouriſhing condition of their Society abſolutely depends. For tho' it is not your deſign to enter into any diſquiſitions, concerning the meaſures of *Miniſters*; yet you have given us to underſtand, in ſeveral of your *Papers*, that you will examine the conduct of Political Writers, as well as others; and give me leave to tell you, that they are poſſeſs'd of the largeſt, as well as the moſt fruitfull province, in the whole extended dominions of *Grub-ſtreet*.

I have ſomewhere met with a learned obſervation, that the dulleſt and moſt plodding Fellows always make the beſt Stateſmen; and, I remember, the Author quotes ſeveral inſtances out of Hiſtory, to illuſtrate the truth of it. Another learned Writer, upon the ſame ſubject, obſerves, that *Mercury is of ſo volatile a nature that there is no fixing it to* political affairs.

If this be true, that GRUBEANS make the beſt *Politicians*, it follows of conſequence, and, I hope, will not be denied by the *Craftſman* himſelf, that they likewiſe make the beſt Political Writers; whoſe productions ought always to be grave and ſolid; or, in plain Engliſh, hard and heavy. For this reaſon, it gives me infinite pleaſure to read the works of our modern Political GRUBEANS, who carefully avoid the leaſt appearance of wit, humour or pleaſantry in themſelves, and always ſpeak of them with the utmoſt contempt in others.

But there are two or three points, in which I think their conduct highly blameable, as it may tend very much to the prejudice of your Society.

In the firſt place, I think it very impolitick in them to exclaim againſt the liberty of the preſs, or to give the leaſt countenance to any reſtraint upon it: becauſe it muſt abſolutely end in the deſtruction of themſelves. The beſt way of arguing with theſe Writers, is always from conſiderations of ſelf-intereſt; and I muſt therefore beg of them ſeriouſly to conſider what they are doing, when they ſuffer too officious a zeal for their Patrons to hurry them into any reflections againſt the liberty of writing. They cannot ſurely be ignorant, that their preſent favour and good plight are intirely owing to this liberty; and that their Patrons would have no occaſion for advocates, if they had no Writers againſt them. The former are properly the dependents of the latter, who ſupply them with materials from week to week, as well as with a pretenſion to rewards and encouragement.

Old ISAAC BICKERSTAFF, or his friend the *Spectator*, compares the ſcribblers againſt him to a parcel of inſects, who live upon the wholeſome fruits of the earth, and muſt neceſſarily periſh as ſoon as they decay. Theſe *political animalcula* are in the ſame condition: and as they owe their exiſtence to the advocates for liberty, ſo it will ceaſe of courſe, whenever they happen to fall, either by a natural or political death.

Nothing therefore can be more abſurd than for theſe GRUBEANS to quarrel with the liberty of the preſs; or to throw out what they may call arguments for any reſtraints upon it; which muſt involve them in the ſame ruin with thoſe who firſt gave them being, and ſtill continue to ſupport them: for if *political diſſertations* ſhould ever be ſuppreſs'd, they would find it very difficult to get their bread in any other way. They know very well, by fatal experience, that their Writings will not ſell of themſelves: and how can they expect any aſſiſtance from their preſent Patrons, when their Cauſe is no longer in queſtion? No, they will ſoon find a terrible alteration. They will not then have the honour of being admitted to levées and private viſits. The pleaſing enjoyment, or expectation of rewards will be taken away. They will have no more kind orders upon the Tr——y to boaſt of; no further indulgence from the *Poſt Office:* nor will all the *little people in employment*, throughout the kingdom, be any longer obliged to propagate and cry up their *Papers*, on pain of diſpleaſure.

My next piece of advice to theſe Gentlemen is ſomewhat akin to the former; and that is, not to plead for any extraordinary proceedings, or methods of puniſhment, which may, one day, retort very heavily on themſelves. For whenever it ſhall be their fate to write againſt Men in power (and they ſeem apprehenſive themſelves, that no Men in power will ever employ them again,) they will ſtand in need of the greateſt latitude of expreſſion, and the moſt unlimited impunity. Should even the ordinary forms of law be exerted againſt them, they muſt drop at once: for as they are utter ſtrangers to any art, delicacy or addreſs in writing, they would run directly into the very jaws of a proſecution, and Mr. *Attorney General* would find no difficulty in hampering them, without having recourſe to parallels, ironies, or innuendoes.

The laſt thing I ſhall mention as blameable in the conduct of our Political GRUBEANS, is their ſetting up the character of a Writer as the beſt rule of interpreting his meaning. For you know, Gentlemen, that the Members of your Society are not, generally ſpeaking, the moſt remarkable inſtances of moral rectitude. I could even point out ſome of them, who would run a great hazard in ſtanding a trial at the *Old Baily*, if their characters were to be the only evidence produced againſt them.

I hope therefore, that you will make uſe of your authority to reſtrain your Political Brethren in theſe three reſpects; and not ſuffer them, for the future, to ſerve the purpoſes of an hungry belly, by inſiſting upon points which tend to the abſolute deſtruction of you and your poſterity for ever. I am,

Gentlemen, your conſtant Reader
And Well wiſher,
PHILO-DUNCIUS.

Little-Britain,
Oct. 10, 1730.

To PETER ——— at his houſe in Weſtminſter.

Friend PETER,

I Am ſorry thou didſt depart my habitation in wrath: and that thy mouth ſhould be filled with murmurings againſt me, who hath not done any evil unto thee: I eat not of thy bread, nor drank of thy wine, whilſt thee and thy family ſojourn'd with me; for thou didſt always behave thy ſelf with ſtubborneſs. Moreover, when the Wife of thy boſom was in travail, thou called'ſt not unto me to miniſter help and comfort unto her, according unto the cuſtom of Women; neither gaveſt thou God the glory for the ſon that was born unto thee in mine houſe, but didſt vaunt in pride and unrighteouſneſs; wherefore hath the Lord laid his hand upon thee, and afflicted thine houſhold with ſore ſickneſs, even unto death. —— I know that thro' the pride and vanity of thine heart, becauſe that thou art appointed to take care of the King's treaſure, thou willt look on me as a weak, illiterate Woman, and, perhaps, laugh me to ſcorn; yea, and ſhew this mine epiſtle unto thy maid and man ſervants, who wait within thy gate, that they may alſo mock: yet will my heart deſpiſe thoſe doings; for many of the Nobles of the land have dwelt with me in peace, and I have been greatly honoured of them. —— Wherefore, PETER, ſetteſt thou thy ſoul on unrighteous things, and thus treateſt me evilly?

And whereas thou didſt reproach my Son WILLIAM with idleneſs, and fullneſs of bread: thou ſhouldſt firſt have taken the beam from the eye of ISAAC, thy brother; and remember'd his abominations when he was drunken with wine, and attempted unrighteous things in the palace of our Lord the King beyond the ſeas. Nay, I muſt tell thee, that other of thy kinſfolk ſtand not well with the people; for there goeth forth evil report of them *in the ſtreets of Aſcalon.*

Thy afflicted friend,
RUTH C.——

From the place of my abode, called Little H——— houſe, near unto the ſide of the road, as thou goeſt unto the land of Hammerſmith.
The firſt day of the ninth month.

To the Author of that inimitable *Paper* called the FREE BRITON.

HAppy! while ——— darts his golden ray,
And chears thee with reſulgent beams of pay.
Yet nor their heat, nor light informs thy mind:
Cold is thy fancy, and thy judgment blind.
So good a Cauſe, that yields ſo great a gain,
By thee dawb'd o'er with excrement of brain,
Smells ſtrong in thy prepoſterous Eſſays,
Where praiſe is ſatire, and where ſatire's praiſe.
Tho' None thy works admire, All wonder ſtill
At the FREE BRITONS and FREE PATRONS ſkill;
That He ſo well ſhould pay, Thou write ſo ill.

BAVIUS.

LONDON.

THURDAY, *Nov.* 19.

The latter end of laſt week the board of Directors of the India Company appointed the Rev. Mr. Wynch, Chaplain at their Factory at Fort S. George, and the Rev. Mr. White, Chaplain at S Helena. *C.*

Early yeſterday morning, Mr. Clements, a Baker in Milford-lane in the Strand, had a Letter thrown into his ſhop, &c. *P.* —— The following is a copy of the ſaid Letter. *Wedneſday, London, Nov.* 18, 1730. 'Mr. *Clements*, This is to warn you to put 15 guineas this 'night, between 9 and 10 o' clock, under the poſt at 'your Bakehouſe door, and if you do not, expect that 'your Wife and you ſhall not live an hour after, and your 'houſe ſhall be conſumed by fire. Likewiſe inform our 'Brother Smith, that he is warned alſo to put 7 guineas, 'his watch, and a ring that he wears, at the ſame time, 'under the Spout that carries the water from off your 'houſe, or between the window and the ſaid Spout; and 'upon his not ſo doing, he and his Wife muſt likewiſe 'expect to ſuffer immediate death, with you and yours. The ſame afternoon Mr. Smith received a Letter, &c. *D J. 4 Ev.*

Tueſday in the afternoon the following Letter was delivered to Mr. Hall's ſervant viz.

To Mr. Robert hall an apholſtrer at the angell in Honſditch, theſe. 'Sir, I deſire as you would ſend me the ſum 'of five pounds, for to be lade under the Lamp poſt the 'corner of algate Church Wall in Hondich, This Night 'with out fale, upon the penalty of Death to you or youre 'Wife if ever you are ſeen any more at the oure of ſeven 'or Eaght of Clock this preſent enſtant November 'the 17. 1730. Therefor Dont fale me, for If you do,

'I will certanly be the Death of you and youre Wife, *Robert Hall. P.* —— *From the ſpelling of this Letter I am a little ſuſpicious, that ſome of our* Renegado Members, *not being able to live by* Weekly Journal *or* Regiſter, *are turning* Incendiaries *in a literal ſenſe.* —— *Beware of a long-chin'd Hack, remarkable for ſome elegant tranſlations of* Low [*Dutch*] *ſarje.*

Tueſd. laſt the Hon Edw. Byng, Eſq; youngeſt ſon to the R. Hon. the L. Viſc. Torrington, was married to Mrs. Bramſton of Chigwell, a Lady of 40,000 l. Fortune *D P. 4 Ev.*

Yeſterday morning his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, attended by ſeveral of the Officers of his houſhold, went to Kew-green to play at nine-pins; his Royal Highneſs having been recommended to that diverſion, as being a healthful bodily exerciſe. *D P. E P. S J. W E.* —— *I do affirm, this ancient Engliſh game of* nine-pins, *from my own long experience, to be not only* a healthful bodily exercife, *but likewiſe one which improves the mind.*

The Dean and Chapter of Weſtminſter have order'd all the Tombs, Monuments, and Windows, in the Abbey to be perfectly clean'd againſt next Chriſtmas. *D P. 4 Ev.*

Laſt mond. morn. there was found under Mrs. Jackſon's door in Exeter, a letter, ſigned *Legion*, requiring her to put 5 guineas in a poſt by the Fryers gate, adjoining to her houſe; or in caſe of non-compliance, ſhe might expect Mr. Packer's fate. *D J. 4 Ev.*

Laſt mon. a letter was ſent by the General Poſt to Mr. Raſhleigh, a Tradeſman at Chiping Wicomb in Buckinghamſhire, demanding 15 guineas to be put into a bag covered with ſtraw near his own back door; and in caſe of his not complying, threatning to ſet fire to his houſe. *4 Ev.*

The following lines were ſent to Mr. Spragging, a Raft Merchant at Newark, viz.

SPRAGGING remember thou art but duſt,
And to thy neighbour very unjuſt:
Thou neither ſticks at great nor ſmall,
'Till vengeance once does on thee fall.
I think how ſoon thou wil be undone;
In flames of fire thy rafts ſhall burn,
And neither eſcape thy houſe nor thee.
Mark well theſe words, for I have ſaid
What I intend, when thou art in bed. *W E.*

This Epiſtle in verſe *confirms my ſuſpicions before-mentioned; the Poetry being in the ſame ſtrain which appears weekly in the* Papers *hinted at above: the 2 laſt lives reſemble very much 2 of thoſe which were ſent in a threatning letter to Mr.* GULLIVER, *printed in our* 42 Journals, *and ſeem to come from the ſame hand,*

Marke well, what here incloſ'd I ſend,
Or ſoon expect a fatal end.

His Royal Highneſs the Duke preſented her Majeſty lately with his Tranſlation of the Roman Hiſtory, wrote [written] in Latin by Sixtus Rufus; which her Majeſty received with much pleaſure and ſatisfaction, and was pleaſed to make his Royal Highneſs a handſome preſent. Mr Bernard Lens, Miniature Painter to his Majeſty, is appointed to teach his Royal Highneſs and the Princeſs Mary, to draw. *4 Ev.*

The E. of Dunmore, one of the 16 Peers of North Britain, hath kiſſed the King's hand on his being nominated one of the Knights Brethren of the moſt antient, and moſt noble order of the Thiſtle. *E P. W E.*

On tueſday came an account from Berlin, that the guards which attended the P. Royal of Pruſſia, had by his Pruſſian Majeſty's order been withdrawn. *W E. L E.*

Laſt week died at his ſeat near Bridgewater, Sir Halſe well Tynte, Bar member of Parliament for that place, and is ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate by his next Brother, now Sir John Tynte, Bar. *W E.*

On tueſday died James Metcalf, Eſq; one of the repreſentatives in Parliament for the town of Bedford. *4 Ev.* —— *The Daily Journal, Sat. 21. ſays,* there are hopes, *and the Poſt boy, that* he is in a fair way of recovery.

FRIDAY, *Nov.* 20.

Yeſterday both houſes of Parliament met, and were further prorogued to thurſday Dec. 17. *C. D J.*

The ſame day Mr Tho. Salter was nominated one of the Governors of Chriſt's hoſpital. *D P.*

The noted Mary Barber, alias Ruſſel, who lately kept the Fountain tavern in Drury-lane, was on tueſday committed to the Gate houſe for beating the Conſtables. *P.* —— *I wonder how many ſtout* Conſtables *this* Virago *demoliſhed.*

We hear from S. Edmund's-bury, that one Will. Pope, late of Caſtlenning, in the County of Norfolk, was on ſat committed to that goal, upon ſuſpicion of ſtealing a ſilver tankard He had about him 3 ſilver watches, &c. He had alſo in his poſſeſſion 8 horſes, 7 at the Angel in Bury, and 1 lame at Bradfield Manger, where he was taken with 2 riders to the ſaid horſes *D J.*

Friday a letter was dropp'd into a cellar-window belonging to the houſe of Franc. Cocks, Eſq; at Appleby in Weſtmoreland, requiring him and one Mr. James, to put 25 guineas in an old hat that ſhould be left at Mr. James's door: and, in caſe of refuſal, threatning to ſet fire to their houſes, and murder them and their families. *Ibid.*

Two men have been apprehended at Croydon, (the one a Mulatto, and the other an Iriſhman) for ſending a threatning letter to Mr. Pet. Champion of that town: we hear that the Mulatto has informed againſt the Iriſhman. *Ibid.* —— *Both equally honeſt, but one a little more cunning than the other.*

SATURDAY, *Nov.* 21.

We hear that P. Walter of Weſtminſter, Eſq; had yeſterday one of the modern villainous threatning letters ſent him. *D P. 4 Ev.* —On wedn. night Mr. Cholmly, the Bookbinder, in Bennet's-court in the Strand, had a 4th letter ſent him, &c. *Ibid.* —— One of the ſame ſort of letters, ſign'd Old Nick, was received by Mr. Sparks, a Victualler in Stanhope ſtreet, Clare-market, a few days ſince. *D J. S J. W E. L E.* —— A few days ago Mr. Tho. Bentley, of Sandwich, received a letter directing him to put 10 guineas into the mouth of a Cannon. He, being ſo adviſed, put the 10 guineas as directed. On wedn. night 4 men came to the Cannon, one of which they ſeized, with his hand in it, but the other 3 eſcaped. He proved to be an inhabitant of the town named Burton, and 'tis believed he cannot write. *D J. 4 Ev.*

Yeſterday a Proclamation was publiſh'd againſt perſons feloniouſly ſending letters, demanding money, or other effects, and againſt other offenders therein mentioned; whereby a reward of 300 l. is offered for diſcovering and apprehending (within the ſpace of one year next enſuing) any perſon, who within theſe 4 months paſt hath ſent, or hereafter ſhall ſend any threatning letters, demanding money, &c. or hath, or ſhall hereafter, ſet fire to any houſe, &c. provided they be convicted thereof; and likewiſe a free pardon and the ſame reward to any one who ſhall diſcover his accomplices, except the perſon who actually ſet fire to any houſe, &c. the reward to be paid immediately upon conviction. *D P. D J. 4 Ev.*

Yeſterday came advice of the death of the Hon. and Rev. Lumley Lloyd, Rect. of S. Paul's Covent-garden, at his houſe at Cheem in Surrey, very eminent for his curious collection of flowers. We hear he has left the bulk of his eſtate to the L. John Ruſſel, brother to the D. of Bedford. *D J. E P. S J. L E.* Cheam. *W E.*

Fred. Huddleſon, Eſq; lately died at his ſeat of Millum-Caſtle, in the County of Cumberland, whoſe anceſtors were famed for their Loyalty in the Royal Cauſe, and is ſucceeded by his eldeſt ſon Will. Huddleſon, Eſq; *P. E P. W E.*

Yeſterday his Majeſty's Proclamation money, amounting to 300 l. for taking the 3 young highwaymen at Windſor and Datchet, was paid to the claimers. *D P. 4 Ev.* —— *The punctual payment of ſuch* money *would ſoon diminiſh the number of theſe leſſer rogues.*

Extract of a letter from Canterbury, *Nov.* 19. On wedn. between 12 and 1 in the morn. the houſe of Adm. Morrice, at Great Betteſhanger, was attacked a 4th time, by a gang of vile rogues, between whom and the guard within, there was conſiderable firing through the windows, ſo that 5 ſmall muſket balls were lodged in a partition, and one of the guard narrowly eſcaped being killed; however, the villains were at laſt forced to retire, and next morning a great quantity of blood was ſeen on the ground, by which it was believed that one or more of the villains were killed, or much wounded. *D J.*

Another letter was ſent on the 17th to Dr. Allen, of Bridgewater, which ſeems to be writ in the Hibernian ſtrain, viz. 'Sir, Sence have ſent unto you and you hav 'not anſwered, and you will obſtinate and will not com 'ply with the Propoſals that I made, and I find that you 'have not done as I command you, therf it is better that 'you will comply then that your *Hous be burnt* for if 'you do not anſwer it, I will do this by G--d, you have 'ſet a watch, but we will do it when we ſee fit and con-'venient, and will do it effectually by G--d, you think be-'cauſe we do not do it the time propoſe that we will do 'it not at all and that is what you ſit your reſolution 'upon. Your miſtaken Packer Turn is gone and your 'will come ſpeedely upon my ſoul. I conclude. It coſt 'me money in paper you ſhall pay for it by G--d. We 'was preſent with you laſt night. *S J.* — *My Brother of* S James's *I believe gueſſes right; the ſyntax, reaſoning ſpelling, pointing, ſwearing, &c. ſhew this to be a true* wild Iriſh Epiſtle.

MONDAY, *Nov.* 23.

On ſat. evening the King and Queen, in their return from Richmond, were unhappily overturned in his Majeſty's body coach, which fell into a ditch between Fulham and Chelſea, occaſioned by the darkneſs of the night, and the Poſtilions not having a light before him. There were 2 Ladies [of the Bed-chamber. *C.*] in the coach: but, through providence, none of them received any hurt. *D P.* In the evening, it being very dark, and [*the wind, I ſuppoſe,*] blowing ſo hard that they could not keep their flambeaux lighted, the King's coach was unhappily overturned, —— received no manner of hurt. *C.* —— *For this reaſon, I am not of the opinion of my 2 Brethren, but think* the coach was *very happily* overturned.

Sat. laſt Francis James, L. L. D. Fellow of Trinity Hall, Camb. was ſworn in and admitted Advocate at Doctors Commons: in the morning into the Court of Arches, by Dr. Betteſworth, Dean; and in the afternoon into the High Court of Admiralty, by Sir Hen. Penrice, Judge. *D P.*

Laſt week ſeveral threatning letters were ſent to ſeveral of the inhabitants of Brentford, demanding certain ſums of money, &c. —Tueſ. laſt a letter was dropped in the Crown-Inn yard in Blandford, directed to Mr. John Pearcy, Maſter of the ſaid Inn, threatning to ſet his hayricks on fire, &c. *P.*

From Marlborough we have an account, that an anonymous letter was ſent to one Mr. Bicknel, a Shop-keeper at Wootton-Baſſet, demanding 5 guineas, &c. that he did not put the money as required, but ſet a watch the firſt night, and no body coming to look for the money, they neglected to watch the ſecond night, when his back-houſe was ſet on fire, which was intirely conſumed, and it was very near catching hold of his dwelling-houſe. The loſs is computed at 50 l. *D J.*

Letters from Bath give an account, that Edw. Aſſe, Eſq; Repreſentative for Heytsbury in Wilts, died there after a tedious indiſpoſition, *Ibid.*

We hear it is ordered, that no Conſtable ſhall go out of his Watch houſe till 6 in the morning; and that the City-Marſhals have ſtrict orders from the R. H. the L. Mayor, to proſecute any who ſhall be found off ſooner. *D P. This is in P.* of tueſd. 24.

Yeſterday the L. Biſhop of Salisbury ordained ſeveral Prieſts and Deacons at the Chapel in King's-ſtreet, near Golden-ſquare: among whom were the Rev. Mr. Gough and Mr. Orr, 2 Gentlemen of the Diſſenting Perſuaſion *Ibid.* —— *This is a much more agreeable manner of* reconciling Diſſenting Teachers *to the Church of England, than that wiſhed for in our laſt, in the reflections upon* Mr. Holman's *death; if thoſe reflections are taken in a literal ſenſe.*

TUESDAY, *Nov.* 17.

On wedn. the Truſtees for Sir John Mordant's College on Black-heath, filled up 5 vacancies with decay'd Merchants of this City. *C.* —— *I think it ſhould be* Sir John Morden.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Hen. Harriſon, Eſq; to be one of his Council at Virginia. *P.*

Thurſd. night laſt a letter was left at the Town-Clerks at Exon, for the demand of the Chamber, to leave 200 l. at a place appointed, or elſe they would burn the Guild-hall, &c. *Ibid.*

Norwich, Nov. 21. On mond. evening laſt a letter was ſtuck into the door of one of the Aldermen, threatning to burn his houſe, the houſes of 10 others, and the Work-houſes, if he did not within a week comply with the terms of the ſaid letter. A reward of 100 l. is ordered for diſcovering the perſon. —— Yeſterday another horrid letter was ſent to John Pell, Eſq; Mayor, threatning to burn him, and the whole City. *Ibid.*

Yeſterday in the Court of Arches, we hear, a Probat of the Will of Sir John Chaplin, Bar. was decreed to the Lady Chaplin, as ſole Executrix and Reſiduary Legatee. *Ibid*

Our Court has received the agreeable news of the King of Pruſſia's reconciliation to his Son the Prince Royal, at the interceſſion of Count Grumkow, Prime Miniſter of Pruſſia *D P.*

Laſt week died at Lynn-Regis, in Norfolk, Mrs. Mary Beal, a maiden Gentlewoman of 76, who has, by her will, left 40 l. a piece to 100 of the poor women of the ſaid pariſh, and a mourning gown and petticoat to each of them, in which they are to follow her corpſe to the grave. *D J.* —— *A better inſtance of charity, this, than leaving money to Hoſpitals.*

WEDNESDAY, *Nov.* 25.

On ſaturday laſt David Polhill, of Chipſted in the county of Kent, Eſq; one of the Repreſentatives in Parliament for the city of Rocheſter, kiſs'd the King's hand, on his being appointed keeper of the records in the Tower of London, in the room of Richard Topham, Eſq; deceaſed; and this week he enters upon that office. *D P.*

From the Pegaſus in Grub-ſtreet.

In our laſt, pag. 1. *col.* 3. *l.* 32. *read,* In the third place. l. 38. *read,* Fourthly. *Pag.* 2. *col.* 3. *l.* 83. *read* Amſterdam Coffee-houſe.

We have received ſeveral Letters, ſome of rebuke, and ſome of advice, which we take very kindly of our Correſpondents: and ſhall endeavour to ſhew our great regard to them by our future conduct. —To give notice from time to time of all the Papers we receive, would take up too much room; the number of them being ſo great: if they are left where we direct, they will certainly come to our hands. However, for the time to come, we ſhall mention the receipt of the moſt remarkable. Literary news from beyond ſea would be very proper, if we could find room for it. A weekly Catalogue of books is intended, in which the productions of our Society will be marked with an aſterisk. —The Criticiſm upon Duck's Poems was re-

ceived, and ſhall be printed as ſoon as it can conveniently be done. As to the Controverſy between Dr. FRIEND and Mr. LOWE, (if it can be call'd a Controverſy, where only a challenge has been given on one ſide, and no anſwer on the other) our Society think it proper to wait a little longer, before they concern themſelves about it. The two Papers relating to Mr. TAYLOR's Latin Speech, are too long to be inſerted: but the ſubſtance of them ſhall in a little time be faithfully publiſhed.

Upon reading the complaint againſt Mr. QUIDNUNC, for his reflection upon Mr. HOLMAN's death, he ſaid, That ſince the reaſonableneſs of allegorical interpretation had been ſo well defended by our learned Brother WOOLSTON, and ſo well received by the polite part of the world, he much wonder'd that a Perſon of ſuch abilities as THE CENSOR ſeemed to be, ſhould be ſo ſerious and ſo ſevere in his animadverſions upon that reflection. That as he had ſeveral times explained articles of news in a figurative ſence, when the literal ſeemed abſurd or impoſſible, ſo he thought he had a right to have his own reflections, in the like circumſtances, interpreted in the ſame manner. That *to make an exit in the porch of the Church*, is to die with ſentiments as near to thoſe of the Members of the Church as poſſible, without being one of them; and therefore to wiſh, that *all* Diſſenters may be *reconcil'd in* this *manner*, can certainly be no uncharitable wiſh This anſwer the Society approved.

To Mr. STEPHEN DUCK.

ON ratling floors did late thy flail rebound;
But CAROLINE now Richmond groves reſound:
For ſcanty wages then thou threſh'dſt the grain,
But now for houſe and penſion beat'ſt thy brain.
Should hungry Poets at thy fortune rail,
Lay down thy quill, and at 'em with thy flail.
But if too meek, thou'rt loath to knock 'em down,
Then, prithee STEPHEN, lend them half a crown.
This, for the preſent; but if kinder ſtill,
Thou'dſt have the wretches eat and drink their fill,
Thy barn reſign; there may their hands ſupply
That kind ſupport, which here their heads deny.

An EPIGRAM.

'TIS no hard taſk the reaſon to aſſign,
Why fool and knave in C——'s action join:
Full of himſelf, half way he never ſtops;
His fops are villains, and his villains fops. BAVIUS.

Edinburgh, Nov. 17. We ſee here publiſhed a paſtoral, in imitation of Virgil's firſt eclogue, repreſenting the tranquillity of the Highlands, inſcribed to his excellency General Wade, on account of the ſervices he has done there, which meets with good reception. *C.* 24.

Dublin, Nov. 11. Laſt week died at Kilkenny, the Rev. Dr. Andrews, Vicar General of the Diocefe of Oſſory; he had ſeveral great livings, in the gift of the Bp. of Oſſory. *C.* 19.

Nov. 14. We have received this further account of the murder of Lieut. S. Leger and his Wife, at Ballyvohalane, in the County of Cork, by his 3 ſervants, Tim. Croneen, Barth. Holly, and Joan Condon. The 4th at night they came into the room, Tim. Croneen clapt a piſtol to the Lieut. head, and ſhot him; which awaking his wife, Holly ſtabb'd her 7 or 8 times through the body with a bayonet, the maid, Joan Condon, holding the candle all the while. Croneen thinking them both dead, took his Maſter's watch and purſe. Holly claimed his proportion of the money, which Croneen refuſed till they went off, according to the agreement. Holly refuſing to go off with him, Croneen took up a hatchet, and wounded Holly twice; on which Holly got hold of Croneen, but not being able to hold him by loſs of blood, on the blow he had received, got from him, and ſtruck him twice with a bayonet; after which, he made off. —— This diſcovery was made upon oath by the ſervant maid, upon her being apprehended. She is now in irons in the goal of the County of Cork. Holly is not dead, as was reported, but was expected to be brought to goal the 9th inſtant. *P.* —— Holly went to bed, on which Croneen fearing he would diſcover him, fell on him in his bed, and with a hatchet and bayonet, after much reſiſtance and ſtruggling, killed him, and then made off. *C. DP. DJ.* 21. Holles. *C. DJ.*

Nov. 17. We hear that Croneen was taken on board a Snow going to Spain, and has confeſſed the fact, and is in Limerick goal; a proclamation was iſſued by the Lords Juſtices, offering 100 l. reward for apprehending him. *C.* &c. 24.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Nov.* 19.

Yeſterday arrived the Mails from France, Flanders, *and* Holland.

Rome, Nov. 4. N. S. A certain Monk, of quick thought and good aſſurance, dreſs'd himſelf the other day in the habit of a Prelate, and went to Card. Coſcia's, and whiſper'd his Eminency, that the Pope had given him another Biſhoprick in lieu of Benevento; and that having the honour to ſtand forward in the Holy Father's confidence, he had charged him to deliver this meſſage; and withal, to aſſure his Eminency, that he might take courage, for that his affair ſhould ſoon be terminated to his ſatisfaction, and he might depend upon it, the Pontiff was ready to give him proof of his good wiſhes. The Card. overjoyed, gave the Monk 100 Piſtoles who went directly from him, and made Card. Fini the ſame compliment; and he likewiſe gave him a good ſum of money, with which the Monk walked off; but, we hear, he has been taken at Terni. *C. WE.* —— *A meſſenger, who brings good news, is ſo welcome to a wicked Miniſter in diſtreſs, that he eaſily impoſes upon him, who impoſed before upon all the world.*

Vienna, Nov. 11. Our new levies are continued with ſucceſs, and 'tis confirmed, that the Emperor has reſolved to augment his troops with 15,000 men, during the winter. We have received new advices from Conſtantinople, that the late rebellion is entirely ceaſed, and that the rebel ſoldiers had obtained a grant, tending for the future to leſſen the authority of the Grand Viziers, and to make other alterations that they had found ſeveral millions in the houſes of the Vizier, and the Vizier Aga, whom they had ſtrangled, and had diſtributed the money among the ſoldiers, compoſed of 40,000 Janiſſaries, and 25,000 other troops, 25 pieces of eight to each. 'Tis added, in the mean time, that the new Miniſters had reſolved to keep peace with the Chriſtians. *C. DJ. EP. WE.* 25 Piaſtres. *DP. SJ. LE.*

Leyden, Nov. 14. 'Tis written from Moſcow, that an expreſs arrived there from Derbent, with an account that the new Sophy, having made himſelf maſter of moſt of the places conquered by the Turks in the laſt war, was gone with his army for Babylon, to give battle to the Ottoman army, which lay under the cannon of that City, intrench'd up to their chins but finding them not inclin'd to take the field, he deſtroy'd all the Country round them; and that his Perſian Majeſty has, on the other ſide, ſent a letter to the Ruſſian General, who commands on the frontiers, to aſſure him, that he will faithfully obſerve the Treaties with the Court of Ruſſia, and grant paſſports to all the Muſcovite Merchants who ſhall come to trade within his Dominions. *DP. SJ. LE. This Article is in* C. of ſat. 21.

Amſterdam, Nov. 15. Some letters from Berlin confirm, that Lieut. Hirt had been executed at Kuſtrin, as had been wrote from Hamburgh. *C. DP. DJ. SJ. LE.*

Paris, Nov. 25. The day that the Royal Academy of Sciences held their Aſſembly, M. de Fontenelle made the elogiums of Signor Macaldi and Signor Bianchini, 2 of their members deceaſed and read ſome curious extracts of Biancini's works. M. de Reaumur read a lecture upon Thermometers, and afterwards produced in the Aſſembly a kind of Thermometer of his own invention which is much more perfect than any hitherto extant. And M. Du Fay read a lecture upon Phoſphorus, and maintained, that not only the ſtone of Boulogne, but almoſt all minerals, were luminous, upon being calcined or diſſolved, and afterwards expoſed to the ſun. *C. P.*

FRIDAY, *Nov.* 20.

Liſbon, Nov. 18. The King has appointed the Count de Galvas his Ambaſſador extraordinary to Rome, to compliment the new Pope on his election, and to ſign the treaty of accommodation between the two Courts. *DP.*

SATURDAY, *Nov.* 21.

Vienna, Nov. 8. It is reported, that the Infant Don Emanuel of Portugal has obtained the command in chief of the 30,000 men which the Czarina is to ſend as ſuccours to his Imperial Majeſty. *DJ.* — Nov. 11. 'Tis confirmed that the Prince Don Emanuel is to command in chief the 30,000 Ruſſians, &c. — By our laſt accounts from Conſtantinople, the cauſe of the late Revolution is aſſign'd to the Grand Signor and Prime Vizier's ſudden return from the army; his ſublime Highneſs's notorious indolence in military affairs, the great exactions made on the people, and the money not apply'd to the proper uſe, but privately ſunk in the Sultan's coffers. *DP.* —— *It was a leſs grievance to have* the Sultan's coffers *thus filled, than* the Prime Vizier's.

This day arrived the Mail from Holland.

Vienna, Nov. 15 The Court received an expreſs from Paris, and 'tis ſaid, that by the diſpatches he hath brought, there are little hopes of being able to renew the negotiations for an accommodation with Spain. *EP.*

Seville, Nov. 3. The Emperor perſiſts in his refuſal to have Don Carlos introduc'd into Italy with 6000 Spaniards: ſo that the expedition to Italy will go forward in the ſpring, but not without the aſſiſtance of all the allies of Seville, ſince the Emperor has had time to make himſelf ſo ſtrong. *WE.*

Mentz, Nov. 21. If an accommodation cannot be made this winter, between the Emperor and Spain, the French will invade Germany: and, on the other hand, there will be an army of the Empire, formed upon the Rhine of 55,000 men.

MONDAY, *Nov.* 23.

Moſcow, Nov. 2. On the 28th paſt the Czarina returned hither, with her whole Court, from Iſmailow, and took up her reſidence in the new Palace. *C.*

Hague, Nov. 28. Private letters from Vienna inform us, that all that has been buzz'd at Court concerning the acceſſion of K. Auguſtus (as Elector of Saxony) to the Treaty of Seville, was vaniſhed into ſmoak, upon the arrival of ſome diſpatches from the Count Von Welzegg in Poland, and others from the Court of Berlin. —— At laſt we have received the agreeable news, that the King of Pruſſia had ſent the Generals Grumkow and Borck, &c. to Kuſtrin, to acquaint the Prince Royal with his Majeſty's intentions, and to require his conformity thereto. Whatſoever the terms were in general, we are pretty well aſſured the Gentlemen above carried to his Royal Highneſs the draught of an oath, for him to tranſcribe and ſign with his own hand, and afterwards to take in form, to aſſure the King of his fidelity for the future; that the Prince was allowed 24 hours to conſider of the terms; and that having anſwered, at the expiration of that time, that he was ready to do whatever the King his Father commanded him, the Governor of Kuſtrin immediately return'd him his ſword, and the enſigns of his Order, the ſtar whereof had been taken off his cloaths. This done, the Privy Counſellor was call'd in, who read the oath, and the Prince repeated and ſubſcribed it, and it was ſent by an expreſs to the King. Whereupon ſolemn thanks were return'd the ſunday following for this happy reconciliation; and it is the general opinion, that his Royal Highneſs will ſoon appear at Court with greater luſtre than ever. *P.*

TUESDAY, *Nov.* 24.

This Day arriv'd a Mail from France.

Paris, Nov. 29. Letters from Rome of the 8th inſtant adviſe, that the Pope being deſirous to reſtrain Luxury as well in this Capital as in the other cities of the Eccleſiaſtical State, had cauſed an edict to be publiſh'd, forbidding on rigorous Penalties all Perſons of either Sex or condition whatſoever, to wear gold or ſilver ſtuffs, laces, fringes, or embroidry of gold and ſilver. *EP. WE.*

WEDNESDAY, *Nov.* 25.

Seville, Nov. 3. The Court has been very attentive to the progreſs of the Epidemick Diſtemper which has rag'd at Cadiz ever ſince the beginning of September laſt, and have, with great pleaſure, diſcover'd that it was moſtly owing to the exceſſive rains which have fell lately, and the careleſſneſs of having a great well open, wherein all the Ordure of the town was caſt, which tainted the air by exhalation, ſince the filling up of which the Diſtemper begins to ceaſe, and gives no further apprehenſions. *DP.*

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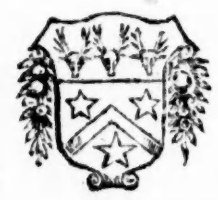

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